

MANCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Illing Middle School Eighth-Graders,

We are hoping you are enjoying your last year of middle school and -- even though it's still 10 months away -- excited about the adventures that await you in high school.

One of the great things about living in Manchester is that you have lots of choices about which high school to attend. We encourage you to research wisely and to consider all of your options. However, we also want to tell you why the best place for you may very well be the school that's right across the street.

Manchester High.

We are extremely proud of what MHS has to offer. There have been incredible changes at the school during the past few years and we believe that MHS students have resources and opportunities that can be found at very few high schools in the entire country.

There is a flier in this packet that breaks it all down -- the Chromebooks, our academies and extracurriculars, our new, artificial turf athletic field, Power Hour and so much more.

We also believe it is important to point out what MHS is not. We are aware -- and your parents or guardians may be, too -- that MHS did not have a very good reputation just a few years ago. There were concerns about safety, leadership, and the overall quality of education.

Those days are gone. MHS is not perfect -- no school is -- but we are confident that when you walk through our doors for Freshmen First Day, you will be safe and you will be supported and challenged by an amazing team of dedicated, passionate educators. You will be surrounded by the great friends and classmates you have here at Illing, and you will make new friends who enroll at MHS after having spent their middle school years at Two Rivers, or a parochial school, or somewhere else.

Yes, MHS is an amazing school. You and your parents can see for yourself when we hold a special "open house" for current grade 8 students in January. (We will have more details about that event soon.)

In the meantime, you should absolutely look around, consider your options, and make your 'pro and con' lists. We believe that by keeping an open mind and considering everything thoroughly and thoughtfully, your decision will be clear.

We hope all of our IMS eighth-graders attend MHS and are confident that, in doing so, you will have made a wise choice that will pay dividends for the rest of your life.

Sincerely,

Jill Krieger
Manchester High Principal

Matt Geary
Superintendent

Why Go Anywhere Else?